

# BLAINES WORLD

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## 1. Reflections

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A. Cynthia, my beautiful bride, and I continued to hunker down in Week 30 of the corona pandemic. ,,And we even dine in more often than previously, as can be seen by this picture of us enjoying some of the always delicious food from FoodStop--our favorite food truck that's located just down the street from us on Charlotte Highway in Fairview. ... For more information about FoodStop, please click: [Here](#).



B. THUMBS UP to Hendersonville Community Theatre for its excellent production of DRIVING MISS DAISY. It was taped live and watching it via my computer gave me the feeling that I was actually there in person. ... Kudos to those in the cast: Martha Petchenik and Ronnie Pepper (pictured below) and Phillip Packer, as well as to Renee Styron for her spot on direction. ... You can still watch for just \$10 through Sunday night, Oct. 17, by clicking RENT VIDEO at this link: [Here](#).





C. My WPVM appearances:

(1) Catch the most recent BLAINESWORLD show by clicking: [Here](#). ... Guests: (first half) Natalie Kaye, president of On Demand Programs and Events; and (second half) Keith Spencer, entertainer, concert artist and producer.



(2) I was also honored to be a guest on the second half of my friend Hank Eder's The Home Business Success Story. To catch that show, please click: [Here](#).



D. Condolences to:

(1) Kathy Webb and Jessica Conley on the passing of Vic Webb, Kathy's husband and Jessica's father. For Vic's obituary, please click: [Here](#).

(2) Walter Goodrich and family on the passing of Kay, Walter's wife.

(3) The family of Elena Skorcho, our friend, on her passing.

(4) Edina Hegguler and family on the passing of Edina's father.

E. Congratulations to:

(1) Donna Giovanetti and Tony Brennan on their marriage.

(2) John Dilcher on his retirement from Bucks County Community College.

(3) My nephew David Greenfield, his son Julian and wife Bettina Yiannakourou on the newest addition to their family: Lola.





F. Reminders:

(1) Join Cynthia in either of the two virtual courses she teaches for Arms Around ASD: Meditation on Mondays and Move Your Body on Wednesdays. To attend these and/or any of the others (that are open to the public), scroll down to Calendar when you click: [Here](#).

(2) There's still time to enter ...

**\*\*\*\*\* CONTEST #20 \*\*\*\*\***

One lucky reader will win a copy of THE 60 SECOND PROCRASTINATOR: SIXTY SOLID TECHNIQUES TO JUMP-START ANY PROJECT AND GET YOUR LIFE IN GEAR! by Jeff Davidson. This informative books will teach you techniques to create a reward system, find a motivation buddy, review priorities, set goal, use deadlines, utilize breaks strategically and visualize success.

To enter, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put CONTEST #20 in the subject line. In the body of your email, include both your name and mailing address. All entries must be received on or before Monday, Oct. 19, at 9 p.m.

**\*\*\*\*\* BLAINESWORLD BEST AWARD \*\*\*\*\***

Thanks, Cynthia Greenfield, for this weeks' nomination of The Color Lab's Ashley Gregory:

Ashley is a master stylist with 15 years of experience. I found her on the internet as a result of reading many fantastic reviews. With my hair, she has proven to be creative, fun and knowledgeable. She is very comfortable to talk to about your hair or just in general.... This last time, we decided to put a streak of gray in my hair. I had been contemplating changing over to gray. Actually, the reason I chose Ashley was because of the fact that so many others said she did this so well. And I also thought this would be fun. ... Having been told by other stylists that this would not be possible or that if I wanted to grow my red hair into gray, I would simply have to shave my head or wear something over my head for the many months it would take to grow in, I decided to seek out another option. Quite surprisingly, Ashley put the streak in, and it came out really well at least in my opinion. (See picture below.) After one or two more times, the streak will be completely the gray color that my natural hair is. Now I know if I ever wanted to go all gray, it would be possible and look smashing. ... During this pandemic, she is the only person in the room while you are having your hair done. It is a small room where normally two people could be working on hair at the same time. But at this time, you can be assured you will be the only person in the room. I would highly recommend Ashley.

For more information, as well as how to contact her, please click: [Here](#).



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## 2. FYI

As many of you know, I host a weekly show on WPVM. (See Section 1C.)

Many of my friends also have shows on this station, including Dawn Westmoreland, Hank Eder, Chuck Fink, Laura Wagenknecht and James Nave among others.

We are currently in the midst of our fall fundraiser. If you can help support our efforts, it would be much appreciated.

To do so, please click: [Here](#).



FYI, part 2

To read each of the following contributions in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. Andy Scarpati: I LIKE THE WATER FOUND ON MARS! B. Jeanie Linders: Fun audition. C. Carol Anders: I THINK YOU LOOK GREAT WITH YOUR BEARD. D. Rest Better With Light Exercises. E. Shedding Light on the Riddle of Lefties and Righties. F. Murphy Funkhouser Capps: LOVED the last newsletter. G. Why an Anal Surgeon Is Begging You To Stop Using Wet Wipes. H. Rethinking Retirement.

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## 3. Joke 1

Florida cowboy boots!



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## 4. Reviews

A. Revisited WIMBLEDON on HBO and was glad I did. This is a charming romantic comedy about an aging tennis player who meet an upcoming star before the last tournament of his career. Paul Bettany and Kirsten Dunst are perfect in the leading roles, and I think you'll enjoy this film if in the mood for something to take your mind from all the political stuff that's happening. Rated PG-13.

Note: I've added it to my list of favorite films. If you'd like to get a copy of that list, send an email to: [bginbc@aol.com](mailto:bginbc@aol.com) and put FAVORITES in the subject line.

B. Saw BLACKMAIL on TCM. It is an exciting 1939 drama about successful oil-field firefighter who is really a chain-gang escapee. Edward G. Robinson is outstanding in

the leading role, and Guinn Williams (one of my favorite character actors) is equally fine. Though similar to I AM A FUGITIVE FROM A CHAIN GANG, it is still quite watchable. Not rated, but appropriate for anybody over the age of 9.

C. Walter Weeks: You are going to enjoy this movie: 'The Biggest Little Farm.' It is a very good documentary of a California farm and its struggles. For more information, please click: [Here](#).

Response: Great minds thinking alike. This is a fine film!

D. Len Ennis: I recommend A Life on Our Planet by David Attenborough on Netflix. I think it will prove to be one of the most important movies of our time.

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## 5. TV alert

A. THE MCLAUGHLIN GROUP: on PBS at various times; to find a time and location near you, click [Here](#).

The McLaughlin Group is back on public television distributed nationally by American Public Television. I love its balanced discourse.

B. THE TRIAL OF THE CHICAGO 7: Now on Netflix

To quote AARP's TV for Grownups:

An utterly wonderful, vivid dramatization of the trial of Chicago's 1968 demonstrators, with bravura performances by Frank Langella as Judge Julius Hoffman, Sacha Baron Cohen as Abbie Hoffman, Michael Keaton as Ramsey Clark and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II as Bobby Seale.

C. DAVID BYRNE'S AMERICA UTOPIA: Sunday, Oct. 18, at 5:05 p.m. on HBO and On Demand

The special features Byrne and 11 musical artists from around the world performing songs from his 2018 album of the same name, along with other select songs.

D. BORAT: SUBSEQUENT MOVIEFILM : On Amazon Prime, starting Oct. 23

Follow-up film to the 2006 comedy centering on the real-life adventures of a fictional Kazakh television journalist named Borat.

For more information, read:

Sacha Baron Cohen Reveals Details of New 'Borat' Film, Aims to Show 'Dangerous Slide to Authoritarianism.' You can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

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## 6. Joke 2

NO NEED TO WORRY ... I volunteered for the vaccine trials for Covid-19 here in North Carolina, which apparently were made by a Russian pharmaceutical company. ... I received my first shot on Monday and wanted to let everyone know that it's completely safe with no side effects whatsoever, and that I feelshki хорошó я чувствую себя немного странно и я думаю, что вытащил ослиные уши. (Thanks, Jimmy Ferraro, for sharing.)



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## 7. Clips/Websites

A. The Turtles are arguably the greatest rock group of all time!

(1) As mentioned previously, this section will feature music by The Turtles--either their recordings and/or covers of their music by others.

I'd especially love to see any recording you may have done of "Happy Together."

Send it to: [bjinbc@aol.com](mailto:bjinbc@aol.com) and put THE TURTLES in the subject line.

Note: Even if you did not do a recording, I welcome anything done by others--not only of "Happy Together," but any other Turtles' song.

(2) For this week, please find this performance from the Fast Birds: [Here](#).

B. Video of the week

THE CHOICE 2020; TRUMP VS. BIDEN

With the nation in crisis, FRONTLINE investigates how President Donald Trump and former Vice President Joe Biden have responded to crises throughout their own lives. To view this outstanding film, please click: [Here](#).

For an informative interview with Michael Kirk, director of the above, please click: [Here](#).

C. And also check out these other clips at your convenience:

(1) The Jarmels: A Little Bit of Soap, one of my all-time favorites: [Here](#).

(2) Natalie Kaye: American Conference of Cantors Stand Strong: [Here](#).

(3) Yola, The Air That I Breathe: [Here](#).

(4) Ashleigh Phillips: He'll Carry You: [Here](#).

(5) HS Smith: Live Now (10.18.20): [Here](#).

(6) Aaron Ybarra: Digital Church: W-O-M-A-N: [Here](#).

D. Here's a website that you will want to check out when you need to know if a medication really works. What better way than to ask a patient. You can do so by clicking: [Here](#).

I have just started looking at this website, so I'll be interested in your reaction to it. What I like is the fact you can see both positive and negative comments from folks who have used the various drugs.

E. BLAINESWORLD, the website, remains up and running . . . to view it, please click: [Here](#).

F. Are you on Facebook? In the unlikely event we have not yet connected as friends there, please feel free to send me an invite by clicking: [Here](#).

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## 8. Technology tip

Google has a one-stop dashboard where you can check your browser's safety and security. Just open the 3-dot menu and move to "Settings." On the first page, you will find "Safety Check." Click on "Check Now" and Chrome will check for bad extensions, password breaches, key security settings and more.

After that, you can review the status and make changes accordingly. This is the first Chrome Setting you should examine.

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## 9. Joke 3

Be forewarned: The following is a JOKE. If Biden becomes president, I'll also run jokes about him. (Thanks, Linda Williams, for sharing.) ... And for the original intent of the woman's tweet, please click: [Here](#). (Thanks, Honor Moor, for sharing this article.)



smiles. And when #JoeBiden is President, hopefully that woman will be able to access better vision care, bless her heart.

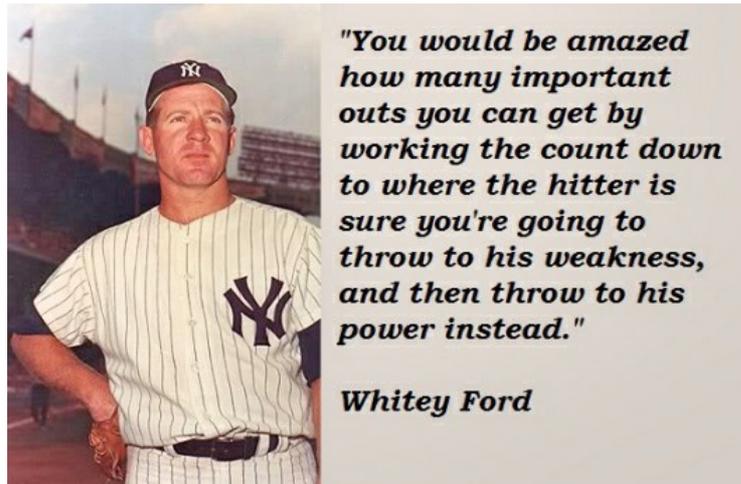
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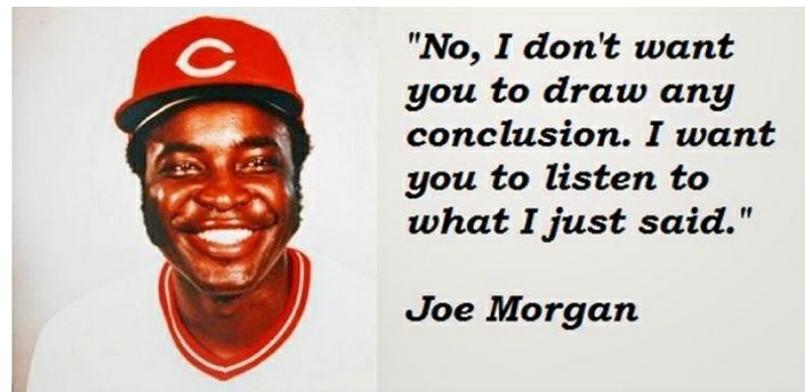
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## 10. 2 quotes I like

A. Thanks, Whitey Ford (1928-2020), for your magnificent Hall of Fame baseball career with the New York Yankees that included six World Series championships. ... You were truly "The Chairman of the Board." ... For more information about his life, please click: [Here](#).



B. Thanks, Joe Morgan (1943-2020), for your Hall of Fame career that had you named the best second baseman in baseball history in the NEW BILL JAMES HISTORICAL BASEBALL ABSTRACT. ... I also enjoyed your subsequent career from 1985-2010 as a TV announcer. ... For more information about Morgan's life, please click: [Here](#).



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## 11. Thought for the day

The Elephant Rope  
by Dan Western

A gentleman was walking through an elephant camp, and he spotted that the elephants weren't being kept in cages or held by the use of chains.

All that was holding them back from escaping the camp, was a small piece of rope tied to one of their legs.

As the man gazed upon the elephants, he was completely confused as to why the elephants didn't just use their strength to break the rope and escape the camp. They could easily have done so, but instead, they didn't try to at all.

Curious and wanting to know the answer, he asked a trainer nearby why the elephants were just standing there and never tried to escape.

The trainer replied: "When they are very young and much smaller we use the same size rope to tie them and, at that age, it's enough to hold them. As they grow up, they

are conditioned to believe they cannot break away. They believe the rope can still hold them, so they never try to break free."

The only reason that the elephants weren't breaking free and escaping from the camp was that over time they adopted the belief that it just wasn't possible.

Moral of the story:

No matter how much the world tries to hold you back, always continue with the belief that what you want to achieve is possible. Believing you can become successful is the most important step in actually achieving it.

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## 12. Advance planning department

To read about each of the following events in full, please click: [Here](#).

A. David Troy Francis: MOUNTAIN HYMNS. B. The Magnetic Theatre: Live outside variety show. C. Asheville Community Theatre: Guess Who: A Costume Quest. D. Michele Louzon: Hop to the Drive-In.

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**PS.** Make it a wonderful week!

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